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| 0-4 | Form PCT/RO/101 PCT Request | |
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| 0-5 | Petition The undersigned requests that the present international application be processed according to the Patent Cooperation Treaty | |
| 0-6 | Receiving Office (specified by the applicant) | Canadian Intellectual Property Office (RO/CA) |
| 0-7 | Applicant's or agent's file reference | 16908-1PCT |
| I | Title of Invention | FLOORING SYSTEM AND METHOD OF INSTALLING SAME |
| II | Applicant | |
| II-1 | This person is | applicant and inventor |
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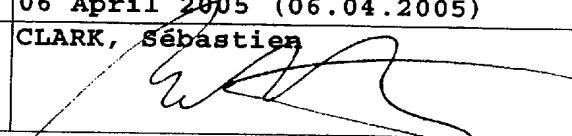
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| IV-1 | Agent or common representative; or address for correspondence The person identified below is hereby/ has been appointed to act on behalf of the applicant(s) before the competent International Authorities as: | agent | |
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| V | DESIGNATIONS | | |
| V-1 | The filing of this request constitutes under Rule 4.9(a), the designation of all Contracting States bound by the PCT on the international filing date, for the grant of every kind of protection available and, where applicable, for the grant of both regional and national patents. | | |
| VI-1 | Priority claim of earlier national application | | |
| VI-1-1 | Filing date | 06 April 2004 (06.04.2004) | |
| VI-1-2 | Number | 60/560,184 | |
| VI-1-3 | Country | US | |
| VII-1 | International Searching Authority Chosen | Canadian Intellectual Property Office (ISA/CA) | |
| VIII | Declarations | Number of declarations | |
| VIII-1 | Declaration as to the identity of the inventor | - | |
| VIII-2 | Declaration as to the applicant's entitlement, as at the international filing date, to apply for and be granted a patent | - | |
| VIII-3 | Declaration as to the applicant's entitlement, as at the international filing date, to claim the priority of the earlier application | - | |
| VIII-4 | Declaration of inventorship (only for the purposes of the designation of the United States of America) | - | |
| VIII-5 | Declaration as to non-prejudicial disclosures or exceptions to lack of novelty | - | |

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| 2 | Applicant | PLANTE, Réjean |
| 12 | Calculation of prescribed fees | |
| 12-1 | Transmittal fee T | ⇒ |
| 12-2-1 | Search fee S | ⇒ |
| 12-2-2 | International search to be carried out by CA | |
| 12-3 | International filing fee (first 30 sheets) I1 | 1489 |
| 12-4 | Remaining sheets 0 | |
| 12-5 | Additional amount (X) 0 | |
| 12-6 | Total additional amount I2 | 0 |
| 12-7 | i1 + i2 = | 1489 |
| 12-12 | EASY Filing reduction R | -106 |
| 12-13 | Total International filing fee (i-R) I | ⇒ |
| 12-14 | Fee for priority document | |
| | Number of priority documents requested 0 | |
| 12-15 | Fee per document (X) 0 | |
| 12-16 | Total priority document fee: P | ⇒ |
| 12-17 | TOTAL FEES PAYABLE (T+S+I+P) | ⇒ |
| 12-19 | Mode of payment | other Visa account in the name of Robert Houle of Ogilvy Renault PAYMENT TO BE MADE LATER |
| 12-20 | Deposit account instructions | |
| | The receiving Office | Canadian Intellectual Property Office (RO/CA) |
| 12-20-2 | Authorization to charge any deficiency or credit any overpayment in the total fees indicated above | ✓ |
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| 12-22 | Date | 06 April 2005 (06.04.2005) |
| 12-23 | Name and signature | CLARK, Sébastien  |

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| 13-2-7 | Validation messages Contents | Yellow! The power of attorney or a copy of the general power of attorney will need to be furnished unless all applicants sign the request form. |
| | Validation messages Contents | Green? Priority 1. The priority document is not enclosed. (The applicant must furnish it within 16 months from the earliest priority date claimed) |
| 13-2-8 | Validation messages Fees | Green? Please confirm that fee schedule utilized is the latest available |

A flooring system is provided with a combination of features which work with the expansion/contraction naturally occurring when wood is subjected to moisture variations. Part of the process is taken within the plank (52), which is the internal or intra-plank compensation system (82) and another part is taken by interacting between the planks (52) which is the inter-plank compensation system (50, 60).